

In General

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That Was The Month That Was

By Kathy Polidoro



November was certainly "the month that was" for nine junior girls. To be more explicit, on Friday, November 5, nine girls were chosen as the Junior Varsity

cheerleaders, the rather large number of seventy-four girls dwindled to thirty-eight. These thirty-eight girls, many of whom were suffering from sore muscles and various other aches and pains, went before the judges on Thursday, November 4. The final nine include the following: Patricia Flynn, Susan Giordano, Nancy Lancia, Beverly Lavelle, Lynn Murphy, Karen Padgett, Kathy Polidoro, Anne Premerani, and Barbara Walcott.

On Wednesday, October 27, the Student Council for 1965-66 was chosen by the respective classes. This organization consists of ten seniors, six juniors and four sophomores. Out of these, the following officers were elected: President, Stan Graves; Vice-President, Shaun Harrington; Secretary, Ann Barbalunga; and Treasurer, Mary Jane Walsh.

At the Cadette Fashion Show it was announced that the Cadettes had elected among themselves Miss Senior Cadette and Miss Junior Cadette. These two girls, Janet Valente and Sally LaBlue respectively, were chosen as representations of the true spirit of the Cadettes. In recognition of this award each girl received a silver charm.

The Adams Brothers portrayed by Jim Curley and Marc Roulier visited Pittsfield High at a rally October 28, for a game against Adams' High on Saturday, October 30. In the mist of much coughing the Brothers managed to prove the vulnerability of the Adams' Team. Coach Harris, perhaps an unfamiliar face, spoke to the student body and co-captain Dale Watson vowed that PHS would "do a number" on Adams. I'm not quite sure of the meaning of "to do a number," but PHS did down Adams by a score of 19-14.

Pittsfield High's league play drew to a climactic close on Thursday, November 11, when the mighty Generals clinched the city title after defeating St. Joe's Crusaders 19-6. This annual rival game was preceded by a rally held here in the PHS auditorium and by the annual Rally Dance held by both schools in the Girls' Club gym. At our own rally the tremendous school spirit of the students was evident in the production of the Joey Gleason Show, an interview with the St. Joe cheerleaders, and in the composing and singing of St. Joe's "Eve of Destruction." Coaches Gleason and Merullo and co-captains Tom Grieve and Mitch Massaconi expressed their confidence in the victory-to-be. Coach Gleason expressed his thanks to the team members and to the students for their loyalty in supporting the team throughout the season. At the Rally Dance, the "great debate" raged between Pete Spina from PHS

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Opinion

Where Goeth The Sheep?

By Wills Flowers

With the coming of fall has come (thank goodness!) the end of the first session of the Eighty-ninth Congress. The huge Democratic majority combined with a crowd of pseudo-Republicans (Javits, Case, Lindsay, etc.) to make this Congress the biggest pork-barreling extravaganza, far surpassing the New Deal.

The Democrats used their heavy majority to make hay while the sun shone. New congressmen, swept in on the landslide, were made to feel that they owed their jobs to the President (which they did) and thus, to vote against the party line would invite disaster. These new senators and representatives (sometimes referred to as the Rubber Stamp Brigade) often knew nothing about the bills in question and often were told which way to vote by their leaders as they entered the chambers. In congressional committees the Democrats prevented any real debate on the bills and suppressed all Republican objections. As a result, any bill, no matter how bad or how moronic, had excellent prospects of passing this Congress.

In fact, many bad bills did pass. Medicare, beguiling the elderly with false promises of adequate medical protection; the

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Student Council Opens Door To 'In General'

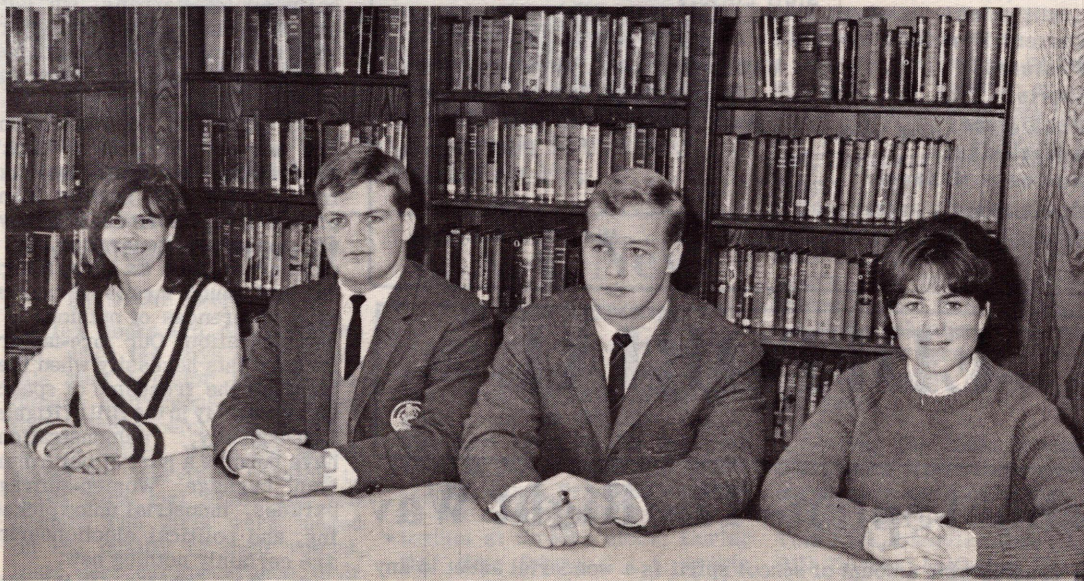


Photo by Mark Mitchell

New officers of the PHS Student Council are, from left to right, Kathy Porter, Shaun Harrington, Stanley Graves and Mary Jane Walsh. Anne Barbalunga was not present when the picture was taken.

By Dave Glodd

The Student Council initiated a first on November 16 by voting to permit a reporter from In General to cover all but its executive meetings. The move was made after Principal Harold Hennessy was approached by the paper. Mr. Hennessy thought the idea was a good one and asked that it be the first

order of business at the session. Before a vote was taken he warned the group that anything they said while the meeting was in progress could be used by the reporter. The vote ensued and the reporter was ushered into the conference room.

The council meeting, held in the Teachers' dining room, was the second gathering of newly

elected officers Stanley Graves, president; Shaun (Harry) Harrington, vice president; Anne Barbalunga, secretary; Kathy Porter, treasurer; and Mary Jane Walsh, assistant secretary.

The most important matter to come before the group was a suggestion that two hour comprehensive exams be given instead of the forty-five minute departmental tests that are now given. This method, according to President Graves, would give the student a week of exams with one or two exams a day. The time not spent on exams could be used to study. The idea was met with a smile by Mr. Hennessy. He stated the subject was already under study by PHS department heads. However, Hennessy was quick to add that a ruling on the matter could come only from the School Committee.

The PHS House of Representatives will be convened to discuss how the daily "Bulletin" should be dispatched. The council members felt that student opinion must be heard on this matter before any action could be taken.

During the meeting Mr. Hennessy made a brief plea for more ideas from the student body. Saying, "We're open to suggestions," Hennessy called for students to make their ideas known by contacting their Home Room Representatives.



Photo by Mark Mitchell

Pittsfield High Principal Harold Hennessy, who has asked students to make more of an effort to participate in the government of the school by contacting their representatives.

New Faces At PHS

By Pat Killeen

Each year there are many new faces seen around PHS for the first time. Among these faces, one sees the recently arrived sophomores and the new members of the faculty. This latter group, most of whom have recently graduated from college, is still unknown to the majority of us. So, lend an ear and find out a little about them.

Mr. Floyd Lancia is the new band and orchestra director. He is from Weirton, West Virginia and he attended West Liberty State College in the same state. At school he majored in musical education.

Mr. Edmund Bercury is a native of Pittsfield. He majored in English at North Adams State Teachers College. He is presently teaching history.

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Another native of Pittsfield is Mr. Douglas Pepin. A physics instructor, he attended North Adams State Teachers College where he majored in biology and mathematics.

A graduate of Tristate College, Angola, Indiana, Mr. Edwin Clark is a native of Northampton. At college he majored in electrical engineering; he is now teaching mathematics and industrial electricity.

Mr. Morris Bennett is the new art teacher. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree at the Massachusetts College of Art, and his Masters at the University of Cincinnati. Mr. Bennett recently had forty of his paintings on display at the museum. He is a native of Brookline, Massachusetts.



Photo by Dave Glodd

New teachers are, left to right, front row, Mrs. Elsie Stephens, Mrs. Lisa Forino, Mr. Alan Viele (who left for military service and has been replaced by Mr. Douglas Pepin), back row, Mr. Thomas McGill, Mr. Larry DeBlassiis, Mr. Edwin Clark, and Mr. Edmund Bercury.

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EDITORIAL

School Spirit—The Right Way

A considerable amount of school spirit is a wonderful asset to any high school—but only when its uses are in the directions of helping the school. If a student body possesses much spirit, organizations will “click” and provide benefits for all. But on the other hand, spirit can be used in the wrong way. One of these ways was demonstrated at a recent high school athletic gathering.

A group of students, seemingly interested in seeing their high school team play against Pittsfield went about cheering for their school in a very ill-mannered way. Instead of directly supporting their school by sitting on the home side and rooting with their cheerleaders as an organized cheering section, segments of this school's student body came over on the visiting Pittsfield side. In a very antagonizing way, girls began to razz our cheerleaders and try to drawn out the pep we possessed. Obnoxious remarks were made, but not as exchanges, as PHS students stayed away from the crowd. But uncouth, unsatisfactory remarks were not enough for these students. A few tried to pick fights and move their way through our section by pushing and shoving. PHS students had traveled a great distance to see our team play, and we were proud of our football team. But we didn't have to be subjected to unfair treatment. We proved our strength and good character by refraining from any kind of disputes.

What was the cause and reasoning behind this poor show of bad sportsmanship? It was hard for all to understand. We read about students who pick fights for the sake of revenge at athletic events. But these students are immature and have never realized the true value of good sportsmanship.

Although we were sure the majority of the students didn't fall under this category, an act like this certainly does not speak well for the rest of the high school.

We should be proud of our students at PHS and other schools around our own county for never having occurrences such as these. Although every school has its problems, those students who follow athletic events should have a desire to see their team win, but also accept and respect defeat well, and at all times the opposing school.

Let us hope that we never hear of any PHS students displaying such rude and bold actions. And lastly, the spirit has been very well carried out this year through school organizations and most important of all by YOU as a student body.

Letters to the Editor

Remember Us To The Editor:

Crosby Sophomores, which are almost double the number of sophomores at the high school, attempt to participate in a few of the various activities at Pittsfield High. In all fairness, we should be given the opportunity to belong to the Student Council. Agreed, the other members might be kept waiting for five short minutes while the Crosby students arrive on busses, but honestly, can't we be included also?

Some of the seniors and juniors who attended Crosby must realize how “left out of things” we feel. Perhaps they can recall one or two years ago when they were “stuck” with a group of noisy seventh-graders. Perhaps too, they remember how it felt to be separated from the rest of their class. These few students, we hope, will realize our feelings. Despite the division of our class, we hope to enjoy the few pleasures of being a sophomore. One of which is the change to become a member of the Student Council.

Peggy Hebert Crosby

Credit Where It's Due

To The Editor:

In your last issue you had a write-up about one of our football co-captains, Mitch Massacconi. I'm glad you finally gave credit where credit is due. Following in his brother Michael's footsteps, Mitch has worked long and hard for the team for the past three years.

Since the last IN GENERAL we have played Drury and suffered our only defeat of the season so far. Fans who witnessed that game will not soon forget how well Mitch played until he was knocked unconscious. In the tense moments that followed we all prayed that Mitch wasn't hurt badly. As it turned out, Mitch had a slight concussion, a broken finger and water on the knee. It looks like Mitch's last year of football will go unfinished. . . unfinished but not forgotten!

Lynda Person

Lack of Interest

To The Editor:

In the last month's issue there appeared a letter from Mary Garvey expressing the lack of enthusiasm among the PHS students noted by the editors of the IN GENERAL. Well, unfortunately, editors, your observance is correct. There is not only a lack of enthusiasm in your letters to the Editor column, but also in many areas among the students at P.H.S.

We should all get together to attend the track and hockey games this year. These players need our support as well as the basketball and football teams do. Even our rallies need much more school spirit than ever. All of our teams are great this year. Let's show them our appreciation by making P.H.S. the best spirited school ever.

Janet Valente

Demonstrations—“Sick”?—No!

By Bob Sides

“Youth to itself rebels, though none else near. . .” Sound familiar?—Barry Goldwater? — J. D. Salinger?—Eustacia Vye?—The Old Skipper? No, it was said by William Shakespeare himself in Hamlet. The style may now seem out-moded, but as far as the adult world is concerned, the sentiment is very applicable today. “These student demonstrations are just rebellions for rebellion's sake. They have no sound basis for existence”—typically adult? Perhaps, but let's see why they choose to ignore such dynamic expressions of discontent with such a blanket excuse.

To begin with, demonstrations are not symptoms of a “sick” generation; it's quite the contrary. They are healthy signs of an active, informed, and above all concerned generation. In a democracy such as ours, a logical and sound means of expressing differences of opinions is a demonstration. Our fore-fathers foresaw this necessity when they included the freedoms of speech and assembly in the Bill of Rights. Consequently, demonstrations have become a part of our American heritage. Women-suffrage parades, industrial union picketing, and political electioneering are certainly nothing new.

So, then, what's all the fuss about now? After all, in a country conceived in rebellion, demonstrations should now be supported, condoned, or at the very, very least regarded as a necessary evil. But, perhaps there's more to it than meets the eye.

If anyone finds anything distasteful today, he will tend to make himself oblivious to it. Either he will see it, not as it is, but as he would like to see it, or he will pretend it doesn't concern him—assume an “it's somebody-else's—problem” attitude. It brings to mind the image of the ostrich burying its head in the sand when danger threatens it. This feeling of, “out of sight, out of mind” seems widely practiced today. People just don't want to get involved in, or become aware of anything that might threaten their social-security. They wish to maintain an optimum status quo, no matter what happens around them. They feel that if they are happy, then everyone else must be too, for, after all, in the 20th century, nobody can actually be poor or ignorant, can they?

But some people are poor, and some people are uncivilized—and some students do want Free Speech. And if these discontented people want these corrections

badly enough, they will demonstrate, if only to call attention to their cause. Negroes marched for civil rights, received recognition only long enough for people to excuse themselves for not solving this 102 year-old problem, and then their cause slipped slowly out of the news. Then, when all peaceful means failed to arouse interest in these social reforms, the Los Angeles riots broke out. The rest of the country had failed to act when they had the opportunity, and so incited the riots by their own inaction. There is a point at which peaceful means will be disregarded for their inability to achieve a specific end. The Negroes were pushed past this point and the necessary consequence was violence. But, now the country had an excuse for its passiveness in the movement. It pointed its accusing finger at the Los Angeles suburb and said, “See, you give them a little leeway and POW!—they go berserk! They're ALL savages!”.

It seems that people will only take action when it is too late. They will then, however, see only the bad points of the rebellion and choose to ignore the good simply because it is easier to keep their consciences quiet that way. Suppose a sincere group of students plan a peaceful sit-in or rally to express their desire for this right. As soon as it catches fire, everyone “boldly” follows suit. Sometimes these blind followers are members of a radical sect which loses sight of the original purpose. They carry signs saying, “In with Out”, “Down with Up”, or “Remember the Alamo”—anything so long as its rebellious! Naturally anyone seeing these outbreaks objectively will feel they are insane, and they are. It's unfortunate that some displays are absorbed by fanatic groups who warp the original intents. A “Free Speech” movement may become a “Profane Speech” movement if these groups take over as they did at Berkeley. It's also unfortunate that people who are totally uninformed enter a cause simply to be “cool”.

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and Tom Lonabocker of St. Joe. Both debators had an equal amount of time in which to “wreck” the opposing school. Students from both schools played games with peanuts, ping pong balls, and toilet paper. The cheerleaders cheered and everyone danced in the tightly packed and brightly decorated gym.

They would just as soon destroy a sensible “Foreign Aid Reforms” movement as a movement whose policy were to send 5,000 surplus out-board motors to nomadic tribes in Arabia. It's a pity, too, that some revolts are senseless to begin with, such as the “Pro-Discrimination” and “Draft Card Burning” campaigns. You might just as well carry placards saying: “Ban All-Nite Windmills”.

So, if we're going to rebel, let's know what we want and how we propose to get it. Let's not leave room for fanatic groups which make any rebellion self-defeating. Let's not rebel just to rebel. Likewise, let's not just sit idly by and let distasteful conditions continue to exist. So, Vietniks, Anti-School-Prayer advocates, Free Speech exponents—be wary and be aware!

Comment...

By Phillip Rosen

“Ban the Bomb!” “Get out of Viet Nam!” You agree? Fine. You don't agree? Well, that's fine, too. But don't throw eggs at me because I don't like what the Grand Masters are doing in Washington. It is my constitutional right to walk down the street with a picket in my hand—just as it is yours. And when I exercise my rights, you don't have to like it, but you can at least respect my opinion as I respect yours. If the Minutemen had stopped shooting because the British said, “Put down your guns!”, where would we be now? Likewise, Elizabeth Cady Stanton didn't quit because everyone didn't agree with her, and consequently women now have suffrage. What might happen next month, next week or even tomorrow in Viet Nam if we turn our backs on the issue everytime it is brought up? If we're milksops and don't let the government know what we want, then let's elect a king and have done with the idea of democracy altogether. It's the duty of every good citizen to make his opinions heard, to stand up and be counted. Public apathy is a very dangerous thing; voiced a disagreement a very desirable thing in a democracy. As long as we sit tight and remain passive in such polemic situations as political campaigns, we might as well have just one candidate. Maybe then we'd start to worry. If people lose interest, if everyone agrees, of we allow the government to have the complete say—1984, here we come!

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Pittsfield Defeats St. Joe

Generals Win City Crown

By Stan Graves

Pittsfield High's Generals captured the 1965 city football championship on Veterans' Day in their 19-6 conquest of St. Joe's Crusaders. It has been three years since a Gleason squad has been able to claim this title. In defeating St. Joe, PHS finished with a 5-1 Western Mass. Class A record, tying Wachonah Regional for that title.

The spirit for this game couldn't have been much higher. Everyone knew that this game was "for all the marbles" and both the team and the student body were "really up" for the game.

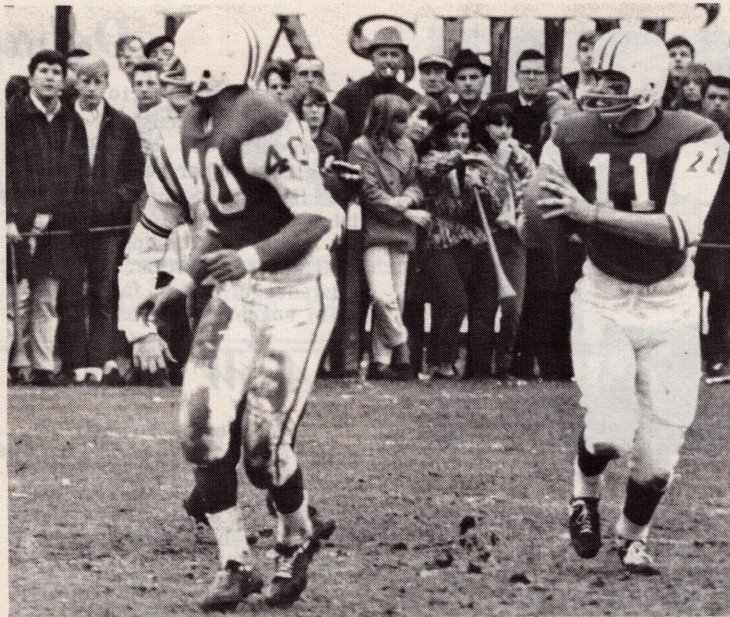
The game, played on a damp, muddy Thursday, literally was over at halftime. Pittsfield scored in the first quarter after St. Joe, who received the opening kickoff, was forced to punt. The generals marched 51 yards in twelve plays and climaxed the drive when fullback Jim Whitfield slammed over from his own four yard line for the TD. Tom Grieve converted Pittsfield's only point-after of the game to make it 7-0.

St. Joe again received Pitts-

field's kickoff and immediately marched 67 yards for their lone touchdown in the second quarter. The attempted point-after failed.

Taking St. Joe's second kickoff, it was Pittsfield's turn again and they covered the 66 yards in nine plays and scored again when QB Tom Grieve sped around his right end from two yards out. When St. Joe was unable to advance the PHS kickoff, they were forced to punt. There was just time enough left in the half for Pittsfield to register its final score. Grieve threw a couple of passes and moved his team to the St. Joe 16 where speedster Tony Gibson beat the defenders to the corner and crossed the goal line to make the score 19-6.

The second half was characterized by fumbles, interceptions, and an important penalty. Threatening on the Crusaders' four, the generals fumbled. Interceptions stopped two other potential Pittsfield scoring drives. However PHS got two good breaks in the second half when a St. Joe TD was called back for a holding penalty and when a St. Joe back slipped on a potential touchdown run.



Tom Grieve, No. 11, rolls out to pass as Tony Gibson, No. 40, blocks during PHS victory over St. Joe.

Cheerleaders Named

By Diane Shepard

A few weeks ago, on November 4th, after ten days of practice, this year's junior varsity candidates courageously performed four cheers before an audience of five judges, while the senior squad did everything possible to make each girl smile and yell louder. The girls were judged on the quality of their voices, their cheerleading form, and their pep. The next day, kleenex in hand, all assembled in Miss Tierney's room to hear the results of their efforts. Amid tears of joy and sadness, the names of the nine lucky girls were announced. Congratulations to Sue Giordano, Ann Premieriani, Barb Walcott, Patti Flynn, Lynn Murphy, Karen Paget, Nancy Lancia, Bev LaValle, and Kathy Polidoro.

G.A.A. News

By Gale Lefkowitz

Along with the cold weather and the end of the football season came the first of the programs put on by the G.A.A. The first event of the year was a pizza party. President of the G.A.A., Linda Procopio, conducted the meeting held in the auditorium at three o'clock. During that time future G.A.A. events were announced, two tickets for a basketball game were awarded, and a movie shown. After that, half the crowd (over 400 heads were counted) was sent to the cafeteria for pizza and Coke. The pizza, which, by the way, was delicious, was made by Mr. John Rocco, and G.A.A. members helped with the serving.

The P.H.S. soccer team has wrapped up its second season with a 4-2 record in the Northern Berkshire League. Under the leadership of Coach Ralph Gionet, the squad has done remarkably well, finishing second in league play as compared with the previous year's last place ending. Comprising the tough Northern Berkshire League are Wachonah Regional (who won the league championship), Mt. Greylock Regional, Adams High, and Pittsfield High.

Outside the league, Pittsfield engaged, with relative success, more experienced teams including Lenox High, Lebanon Central, Darrow, Cranwell and Lenox Prep.

Co-captains Charlie Goodrich and Jim Garstang attributed the team's improvement over last year's play to the experience gained by the first season, and not to a weakening of the league. In fact, both agreed that the league has become stronger since last year.

Leading the team throughout the season were such outstanding players as frontlinemen Tom Kraay, Silvano Mastrodicasa, and Bill Thomas; halfbacks Jim Garstang, Bob Sepcilka, and Ulrich Greilich; fullbacks Bruce Gellar and Bill Winslow; and goalie Mike Smith. These boys are all seniors. Players to watch next year will be Gene Kraay, Terry Goodrich, Al Hardesty, and Ned Dripps. They have all seen considerable service this season and are expected to help the team very much next year.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Dec. 7—Tues., Searles, Away
Dec. 10 — Fri., Northampton, Home.
Dec. 14—Tues., Searles, Home.
Dec. 17—Fri., Northampton, Away
Dec. 21—Tues. Springfield Tech. Home.
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High School Holiday Tournament
Dec. 27—Mon. Peekskill High School, Peekskill, N.Y.
Dec. 28—Tues., Pittsfield High School, Pittsfield, Mass.
Roosevelt High School, Hyde Park, N.Y.
Spring Valley High School, Spring Valley, N.Y.

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Jan. 4—Tues., Mt. Greylock, Away
Jan. 7—Fri., Springfield Tech. Away

Ten Hours For Forty Minutes

By Mike O'Brien

In a high school football game, there are forty minutes. In these forty minutes, students cheer for their team. These are the forty minutes that people will be talking about for the next week. However, for the team, it is just the climax of ten long hours of practice.

Each game poses a problem for both coaches and players. Defensive and offensive adjustments must be made to meet with the scouting reports of Saturday's opponent. These ten hours are demanding ones, with no time to waste.

The bumps and bruises suffered in Saturday's game warrant but only one day's rest. On Monday, the team sees movies of the game played the Saturday before. Chalktalks precede the film, and mistakes are corrected. After the movies, the team goes out briefly for running and calisthenics to work off the stiffness.

Tuesday and Wednesdays are days of scrimmaging and testing new plays. These are the hardest days of the week, as they include much contact work.

By Thursday, plays have been finalized, and there is a lot of repetition to "smooth out the bumps." In order to prevent needless injuries, there is no contact.

Friday is a light day, which consists mainly of running through the game plan. Kick offs and punts are sharpened up, plays are instinctive, and the climax is near.

Jan. 11—Tues., Wachonah, Home
Jan. 14—Fri., St. Joe (N.A.) Away
Jan. 18—Tues., Drury, Home
Jan. 21—Fri., St. Joe (P) Home
Jan. 25—Tues., Adams, Away
Jan. 28—Fri., Mt. Greylock, Home
Feb. 4—Fri., Wachonah, Away
Feb. 8—Tues., St. Joe (N.A.) Home
Feb. 11—Fri., Drury, Away
Feb. 15—Tues., St. Joe (P) Away
Feb. 18—Fri., Adams, Home

Sportsmen of the Month

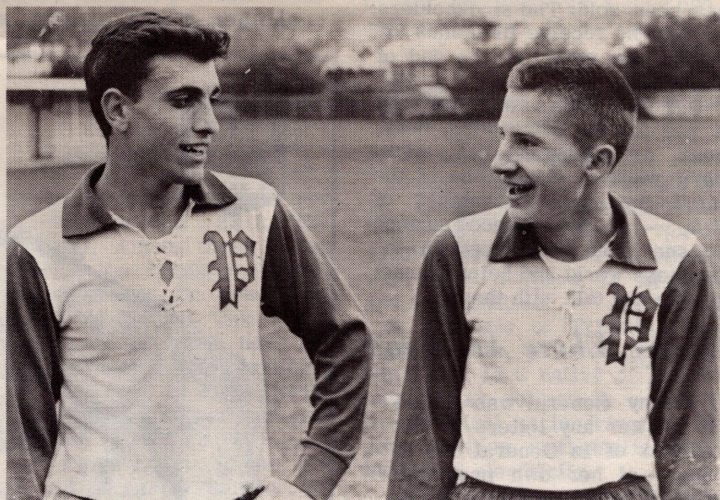


Photo by Dave Glodt

Sportsmen of the Month are, left to right, Silvano Mastrodicasa and Bob Sepcilka.

By Joe McGovern

As Sportsmen of the Month, "In General" salutes two outstanding Pittsfield High soccer players, Silvano Mastrodicasa and Bob Sepcilka.

Since the inauguration of soccer as a varsity sport at PHS two years ago, these two boys have played leading roles in the development of the Generals as an up and coming soccer power in the Berkshire area. This year Pittsfield finished second in the Northern Berkshire Soccer League with a 4-2 mark - a decided improvement over last year's record.

Silvano Mastrodicasa, a native of Italy, came to the United States eleven years ago. He brought with him to his adopted land a fierce competitive spirit, not to mention a high degree of European finesse. Silvano joins with these necessary talents his own fine brand of sportsmanship. Silvano's two-year hold at the center-forward position on the PHS squad has been marked by a consistent style of good, steady play. Silvano's speed and fine passing

ability was always a main weapon in Pittsfield's offensive punch. Always in where the action was, Silvano also scored four goals in league play. Silvano is in the college-prep program and next year he hopes to put his soccer ability to good use for the University of Bridgeport.

The other selection for Sportsmen of the Month is also an effective booter, Bob Sepcilka. A two-year veteran of Pittsfield's soccer wars, Bob's great importance to the General team was in his defensive ability. Running from the halfback position, Bob's great speed and ability found him foiling many a potential threat by his numerous midfield steals. Bob's authoritative right toe was also a leading factor in getting the Pittsfield offense rolling. A fine dribbler and a good passer, Bob Sepcilka can be credited in a large measure with Pittsfield's highly successful soccer schedule. Bob, also, is in the college prep course and he hopes to be playing to the cheers of the Boston University Terriers next fall.

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Miss Junior & Senior Cadettes

By Maryrose Eramo

On Wednesday, October 26, during the Cadette Fashion Show, Miss "Mac" announced Miss Senior and Junior Cadette. This is the first year that the Cadettes have chosen two girls to represent the spirit of Cadettes. The lucky girls who were selected are, Janet Valenti, Miss Senior Cadette and Sally La Blue, Miss Junior Cadette.

Janet, who is a member of GAA and Pep Club, was a homeroom representative and Girls' Vice President at Crosby during her sophomore year. Last year, besides being a homeroom representative and homeroom treasurer, Janet was on the Junior Prom Program Committee and had one of the leading roles in the Senior Class Play "Pajama Game." This year, Janet is again a homeroom representative and plans on being on the Senior Prom Committee.

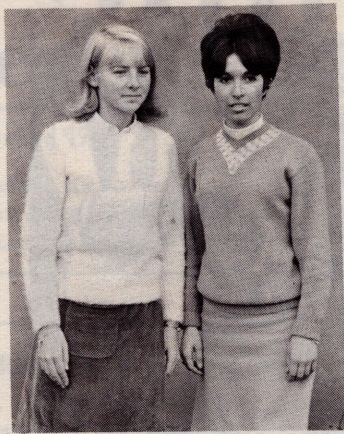


Photo by Bill Gleason

Miss Junior Cadette, Sally La Blue, left, and Miss Senior Cadette, Janet Valenti pose after being cited for this award.

Sally, who is a College Prep Commercial student, is a homeroom representative. She is active in most after-school sports and is also a member of both the Pep Club and GAA.

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Civil Rights law, a bill designed by those more interested in punishing pro-Goldwater states than in promoting true equality; the fantastic rent subsidy bill for middle income families (pork - barreling in its present form); and continuation of the War on Poverty, a young program but already riddled with corruption; all this came from this "productive" Congress. Our elected officials can truly be proud of themselves. We gave them a mandate and they repaid us with these legislative monstrosities which will saddle generations to come with a financial burden.

Still, there were some bright sides to the performance of the last Congress. In the House, Gerald Ford, handicapped as he was by the Democratic majority, was able to cut the administration's margin of victory uncomfortably thin several times. In the Senate, Minority Leader Dirksen, after playing along with the Democrats for most of the session, finally turned and led successful fights to stop Repeal of 14-B (President Johnson's sop to the labor bosses) and the appointment of Francis Morrissey, the do-it-yourself judge. Moreover, even some Democrats showed irritation over the way they were expected to approve everything President Johnson wanted.

The next session should be interesting. The President will have more bills to pass (already he has lined up 14-B again along with a new treaty with Panama which virtually surrenders the canal). The question is: will the

congressmen return like a flock of sheep, rubber stamps in hand, or will they absorb some common sense and come ready to act as the legislative branch of government should.

Drivers Ed. at Crosby

Since the first 10th grader was shipped to Crosby there has not been a Driver Ed. course open to the students without going to the high school at the end of the day. Four years have gone by, and now this year we have a course at Crosby.

The driver Ed. program has been enthusiastically accepted by the students here. The class has around 300 students, and will continue until the end of the year as was announced by the instructor, Mr. Phillip Kidney.

In General Exchange

This year, In General is trying to establish an exchange column. We will send copies of In General to other schools in exchange for their newspapers. We hope to get some new ideas for our paper, and perhaps reprint some articles of interest. The exchange program is rather small at the moment and any new exchanges would be appreciated. Any student who knows of papers with exchanges, or anyone who is interested in joining the staff, please leave the name of the paper and your name in room 143, or with Cookie Levinson in homeroom 235.

Debating Club

By Pam Poggio

Last year a discussion group was organized by Mr. Peirce, an English teacher here at Pittsfield High School. During the winter this club met informally and began considering the national debate question. With the assistance of Sister James, the debate coach at St. Joseph High

J.A. Working

By Kevin Touhey

The Junior Achievement members would like to tell you about this year's program. The groups are running businesses and producing products for the businesses. The officers of J.A. consists of a president, secretary, treasurer, and two vice presidents for sales, and one for manufacturing.

Even though there are more St. Joe students in this year's program, the offices are held by Pittsfield High juniors. They are president-Glenn Kelley, Secretary-Colleen Dooney, treasurer-Kevin Towney, vice president of sales-Scott Taylor, and vice president of manufacturing-Pete Zimba.

The program is planned completely by J.A. students, although we have advisors to consult with. Meetings are held from 7-9 every Monday evening. During these meetings reports are given such as financial, sales, secretarial, and presidential report on how the business is doing. The company receives its name from the product that is about to be made. The name of our company is memo-minder.

This is strictly a business organization. They rent the facilities that we occupy and pay for electricity, heat, machinery, and general supplies and receive salaries once a month. The company also contains a checking account in the First Agricultural National Bank. The money in the bank is put there by stock that has been sold. The stockholders in return, receive dividends for buying the stock at the end of the year.

Our product is a memo-minder, a pad for an office desk, home desk, or telephone. J.A. members want to stress one of the most important advantages of J.A. — it gives a good chance to see what lies ahead in the business world and helps us meet people and talk with them.

Genny Where Are You?

Genny General was unable to answer any letters in this edition of In General due to many of her own problems that have gone unsolved. However, keep those letters coming in and she will take a stab at them in our next issue. Just write to Genny General, Post Office Box 903, Pittsfield 01203. Write today or whenever a problem comes up!

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

BY JANNICE HOLMAN

DOWN

1. vacation coming up
13. jack-o-lanterns
14. gathering of crops

ACROSS

1. a large American fowl
2. Christmas, New Year's, Easter, are each a ?
3. a ship colonists came over on.
4. kernel in a hard shell
5. Plymouth ?
6. inhabitants of a land
7. a traveler in foreign lands.
8. many people came to the new country to be able to live a free ?
9. edible plants
10. red skins
11. 11th month
12. deity

Cadette Fashion Show

By Karen Miller

On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 26 and 27, the Pittsfield High School Cadettes held their annual fashion show. Before the show on Tuesday night, Wendy Truran entertained with her guitar and fine voice. On Wednesday night, the Van-Dels, an instrumental group, entertained.

A total of 160 girls modeled both nights. Perpetual friend of the Cadettes, the Textile Store, provided the clothes. Outfits ranged from jaunty jodhpurs to gorgeous gowns. Each outfit was beautiful. The gowns were the highlight of the show. Colors ranged from black, white, gold, pink and blue. Fifty of the lucky girls were escorted by members of the varsity teams, their captains, senior class officers, and pep club officers.

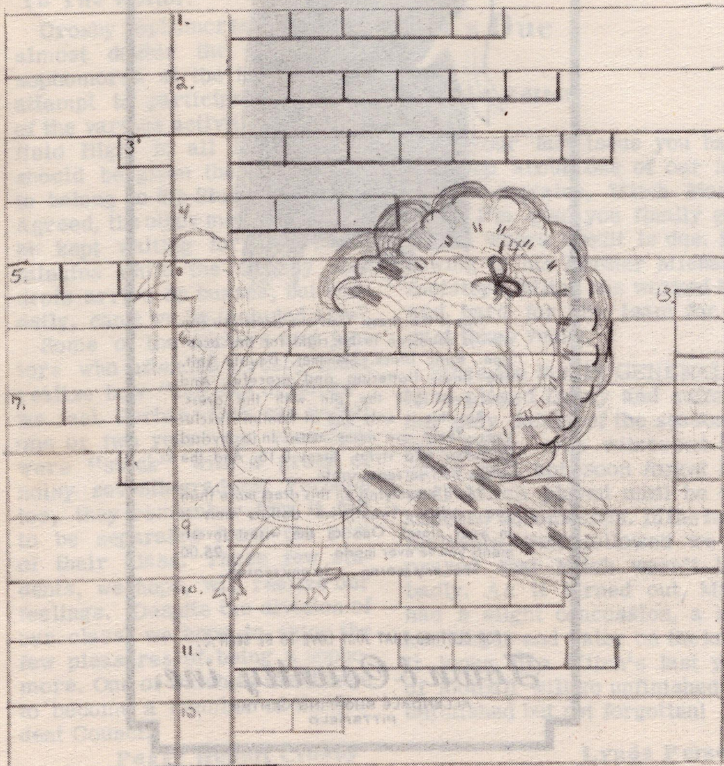
Mrs. Helen O'Hara was the lucky winner of the door prize. She told Miss "Mac" that she intends to take the cruise to Bermuda.

In all, the Cadettes made \$3,100, a sizeable profit. So, as usual, the Cadette Fashion Show was a great success.



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A new and very active Debating Club prepares for another match of oral skill with an area school.

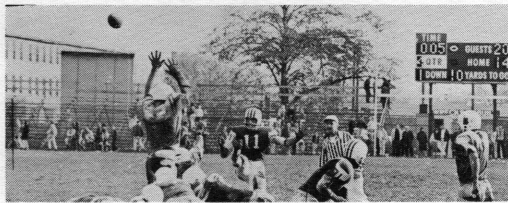
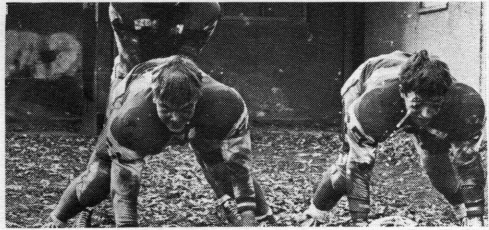
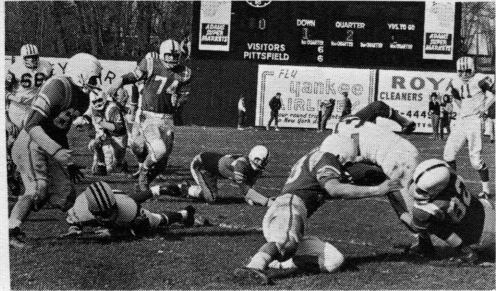


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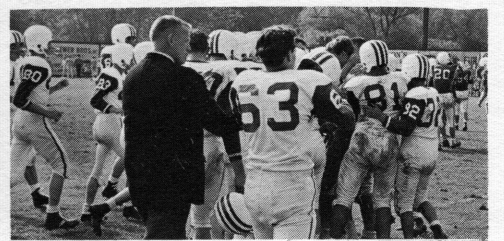
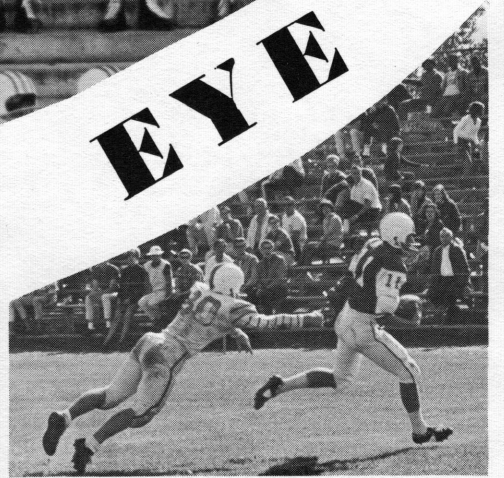
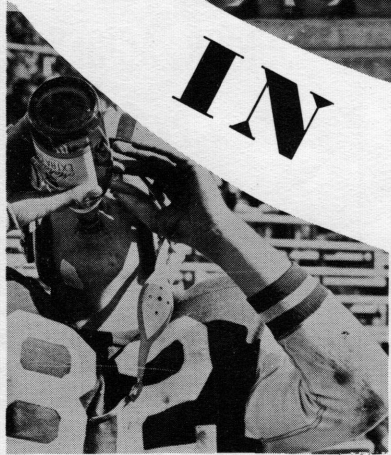
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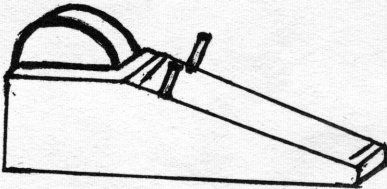
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